

701—7.55 (17A) Licenses.

7.55(1) Denial of license, refusal to renew license. When the department is required by constitution or statute to provide notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing prior to the refusal or denial of a license, a notice, as prescribed in 701—7.47(17A), shall be served by the department upon the licensee or applicant. Prior to the refusal or denial of a license, the department shall give 30 days’ written notice to the applicant or licensee in which to appear at a hearing to show cause why a license should not be refused or denied. In addition to the requirements of 701—7.47(17A) the notice shall contain a statement of facts or conduct and the provisions of law which warrant the denial of the license or the refusal to renew a license. If the licensee so desires, the licensee may file a petition as provided in subrule 7.55(3) with the presiding officer within 30 days prior to the hearing. The department may, in its discretion, file an answer to a petition filed by the licensee prior to the hearing. Thereafter, the rules contained in this division governing contested case proceedings shall apply.

When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license or a new license with reference to any activity of a continuing nature, the existing license does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the department, and in case the application is denied or the terms of the new license limited, until the last date for seeking judicial review of the department’s order or a later date fixed by order of the department or the reviewing court. See 195—subrule 20.4(1) regarding gambling license applications.

7.55(2) Revocation of license. The department shall not revoke, suspend, annul or withdraw any license until written notice is served by personal service or restricted certified mail pursuant to 701—7.47(17A) within the time prescribed by the applicable statute and the licensee whose license is to be revoked, suspended, annulled or withdrawn, is given an opportunity to show at an evidentiary hearing conducted pursuant to the rules governing contested case proceedings in this chapter compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license. However, in the case of the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a sales or use tax permit, written notice will be served pursuant to 701—7.47(17A) only if the permit holder requests that this be done following notification, by ordinary mail, of the director’s intent to revoke, suspend, annul, or withdraw the permit. In addition to the requirements of 701—7.47(17A) the notice shall contain a statement of facts or conduct and the provisions of law which warrant the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of the license. A licensee whose license may be revoked, suspended, annulled, or withdrawn, may file a petition as provided in subrule 7.55(3) with the clerk of the hearings section for the department prior to the hearing. The department may, in its discretion, file an answer to a petition filed by the licensee prior to the hearing. Thereafter, the rules contained in this division governing contested case proceedings shall apply.

Notwithstanding the above, if the department finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in an order to the licensee, summary suspension of a license shall be ordered pending proceedings for revocation as provided herein. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined. When a summary suspension as provided herein is ordered, a notice of the time, place and nature of the evidentiary hearing shall be attached to the order.

7.55(3) Petition. When a person desires to file a petition as provided in subrules 7.55(1) and 7.55(2), the petition to be filed shall contain a caption in the following form:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
HOOVER STATE OFFICE BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF _____
(state taxpayer’s name,
and address and type of license).



PETITION
DOCKET NO. _____
(filled in by Department)

The petition shall substantially state in separate numbered paragraphs the following:

1. The full name and address of the petitioner;
2. Reference to the type of license and the relevant statutory authority;
3. Clear, concise and complete statements of all relevant facts showing why petitioner's license should not be revoked, refused, or denied;
4. Whether a similar license has previously been issued to or held by petitioner or revoked and if revoked the reasons therefor; and
5. The signature of the petitioner or petitioner's representative, the address of petitioner and of petitioner's representative, and the telephone number of petitioner or petitioner's representative.